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- 1. Information Disclosure Statement (in duplicate);
- 2. Form PTO-1449 (17 sheets);
- 3. Copies of ninety-eight (98) documents; and
- 4. One (1) return postcard.

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Respectfully submitted,

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